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For: INK-JET APPARATUS EMPLOYING)
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 24, 2003, in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The listed documents describe a mode for printing by ejecting large and small ink droplets.

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Also enclosed is a copy of a Chinese Office Action, along with an English translation thereof. It will be appreciated that the Office Action lists three documents, U.S. Patent No. 4,499,479, Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 61-146556 and Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 2-3324, which were cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 14, 2001. These documents may be relevant for the reasons noted therein.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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